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TITLE: TIME DISPLAY APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary Amendment: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In Paragraph [0006], please amend the paragraph as follows:

[0006] According to a first aspect of the invention ~~I provide~~, there is a time display apparatus including a display unit and a control unit, the display unit being provided with an indicator portion of variable area and the control unit being operative to alter the area of the indicator portion in accordance with a first unit of time to be displayed, the or an additional control unit being operative to alter the visual appearance of the indicator portion, without altering the area of the indicator portion, in accordance with a second unit of time to be displayed wherein the first unit of time is a minute, and the second unit of time is an hour.

In Paragraph [0014], please amend the paragraph as follows:

[0014] According to a second aspect of the invention, ~~I provide~~ there is a timepiece including a display unit and a control unit, the display unit being provided with an indicator portion of variable area and the control unit being operative to alter the area of the indicator portion in accordance with a first unit of time to be displayed and, the or an additional control unit being operative to alter the visual appearance of the indicator portion, without altering the area of the indicator portion, in accordance with a second unit of time to be displayed.

In Paragraphs [0016] to [0019], please amend the paragraphs as follows:

[0016] Specific and non-limiting embodiments of the invention will now be described, by way of example only, with reference to and/or as shown in the accompanying drawings ~~of which,~~